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Case No. 659-1533 (K-C 14996C)

**IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE**

In re Application of:

Wang et al.

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Dear Sir:

In response to the Office Action dated October 20, 2004, please reconsider the claims in light of the following amendments and remarks.

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